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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above Microsoft case.

I believe that the government settlement is a fair settlement and should be implemented as soon as possible.

I strongly believe that the original trial judgement in early 2000 plus the federal reserve raising interest rates were the two most significant factors that threw the whole country into a downward spiral.

The original trial used up so much of Microsoft's technical and management energy that they were not able to develop new operating systems in a timely manner. As a result, the computer hardware outran the operational software and all the other application programs that would have been developed.

I have used Microsoft products for many years, am a Microsoft stockholder, also a stockholder in Sun Microsystems, Oracle, Intel, and Cisco. I am very unhappy with Sun and Oracle for their part lobbying the attorney generals and the US government to bring the original suit against Microsoft.

I believe strongly that this has been a real detrement to me as a personal user of computers. I have held off buying a new computer until just recently when the new Microsoft XP software became available.

I don't know how all the lawyers involved in this case could ever come to an agreement, but if there were a opportunity to vote against the plaintiff lawyers in this case, I certainly would.

Please settle this national disaster and lets get on with life and the productivity that can come from a lot less legal maneuvering and more and better software..

Thank you,
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